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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

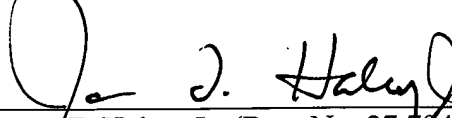
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant requests that the time for filing a Response to the August 23, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified patent application be extended for a period of five months, from September 23, 2004 up to and including February 23, 2005.

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